

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2008 that made restriction and election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of two designated groups.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, and the species wherein the modification is H144R in *Bacillus licheniformis*. Claims 15-18, 27, 33, 38-39 and 41 read thereon. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

July 29, 2008

/Kristin McNamara, Reg. # 47692/

Kristin J. McNamara, Reg. No. 47,692
Novozymes North America, Inc.
500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600
New York, NY 10110
(212) 840-0097